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For : SEAMED, CONFORMABLE BELT AND )  
METHOD OF MAKING )

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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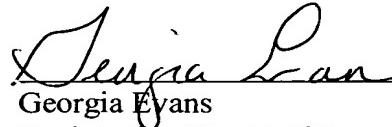
In response to the March 21, 2003, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-14), drawn to a seamed, conformable belt, with traverse.

However, applicants submit that all groups of invention identified in the outstanding office action are closely related and, therefore, would require common areas of search and consideration. Accordingly, no benefit is derived from maintaining the restriction requirement and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the claims of Groups I and II should be examined on the merits at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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